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1. BERNARD CHARDON AND FRANCOIS LEPINE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS PLANNING US VISIT AS PER REFTEL, HAVE OFFERED MORE DETAILS PROPOSED ITINERARY. THEY STRESS IMPORTANCE COORDINATION FRENCH CULTURAL OFFICE NEW YORK, BUT WANT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH STATE DEPARTMENT IN PLANNING APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARY OUTSIDE NYC. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FUNCTIONING OF BI-CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE, STAFF ORGANIZATION, POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES, BUDGET AND FINANCING. THEY ALSO WANT TO MEET WITH CRITICS CITY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ACADEMICS, JOURNALISTS, COMMUNITY WORKERS, ETC.

2. PROPOSALS AS FOLLOWS, BUT MORE SUGGESTIONS WELCOME:

3. WASHINGTON: STUDY RELATIONSHIP MUNICIPAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PRESENT PARIS SYSTEM. PLAN VISIT OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, BROOKINGS INSTITUTE (WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT PROF. HERBERT KAUFMAN).

4. IN BOSTON, THEY WANT TO STUDY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL, VISIT "LITTLE CITY HALLS" AND NEIGH-BORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS. PARIS AS YET HAS LITTLE MUNICIPAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, AND THEY WANT TO OBSERVE US METHODS IN VIEW UPCOMING PARIS MUNICIPAL REORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.
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5. IN CHICAGO, THEY WANT TO LOOK AT HIGHLY CCENTRALIZED CITY

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GOVERNMENT, AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO COOK COUNTY AND STATE
GOVERNMENTS. THEY ARE VERY INTERESTED MUNICIPAL SECTIONS CHICAGO
NEWSPAPERS, AND IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND ETHNIC NEWSPAPERS.

6 IDEAS ON CLIFORNIA PROGRAM VAGUE. THEY WILL WANT TO VISIT
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO, PERHAPS LOS ANGELES.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE CU RESPONSE ON NAME PROGRAMMING OFFICER,
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.RUSH

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